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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner in the small town of Fort Bragg, California on the coast. In this area, there is no competition, and consequently, providers charge high prices for services. While there is cellular coverage in the town itself, there is none where we live. There is only one cable company in this area and their rates are raised frequently. I have to have a standard telephone line, as we have no cellular coverage and VOIP requires a cable connection to my office that is prohibitively costly. To remain competitive, internet service is essential for my business as my customers expect it for receiving timely quotations, and ordering.

In case of emergency, if landlines are eliminated, we would be completely without any means of contacting emergency personnel.

Thank you for your consideration.

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